

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A marking surface operable to be written on, drawn on or otherwise marked by a user comprising:

a marking area comprising penmanship improving indicia comprising ink capable of disappearing; and

an overlying barrier sheet for preventing permeation of air, said overlying barrier sheet being removably affixed to the marking area;

wherein removal of said overlying barrier sheet initiates a chemical reaction process in which said ink disappears after passage of a certain amount of time.

2. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said barrier sheet is a sheet of synthetic polymer.

3. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said barrier sheet is a sheet of lightweight aluminum foil.

4. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said marking area includes an area for writing a note between a plurality of lines formed from said ink.

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5. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, further comprising a series of instructions located on said barrier sheet.

6. (Canceled)

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10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)